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SUBJECT:ECE - COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE

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1. WE HOPE TOPICS CAN BE SELECTED FOR MAY INFORMAL MEETING WHOSE CONSIDERATION BY EXPERTS WOULD HAVE SOME PROMISE OF ENGENDERING A FEW NEW APPROACHES IN TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES. WE WISH PARTICULARLY TO AVOID POLEMICAL DEBATE OVER ISSUES BEYOND THE POWER OF TRADE EXPERTS TO RESOLVE OR AMELIORATE.

2. WE SUGGEST THAT THE FOLLOWING TOPICS MIGHT BE CONSIDER-
ED:

A. TRZECIAKOWSKI STUDY

THIS PAPER, PLACED BEFORE THE TRADE COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR INFORMAL MEETING, IS AN IMPRESSIVE ANALYSIS. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT DISCUSSED FROM A NON-TECHNICAL PERSPECTIVE. IT MIGHT ALSO SERVE AS A POINT OF
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DEPARTURE FOR DESCRIPTIONS BY EASTERN DELEGATES OF THEIR

COUNTRIES' PRACTICES IN CERTAIN TRADE-RELATED AREAS. FOR INSTANCE, THE RELATIONSHIP IN ACTUAL PRACTICE BETWEEN CALCULATIVE (SHADOW) PRICES OF IMPORTS AND THEIR DOMESTIC

PRICES WOULD BE OF INTEREST. (FYI, BASICALLY WE WOULD LIKE TO ENSURE THAT THE STUDY RECEIVES ATTENTION AT THE INFORMAL MEETING. WHILE IT IS SCHOLARLY AND THEORETICAL, IT HAS IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN ITS CONCENTRATION ON CONSTRUCTION OF FOREIGN TRADE MANAGEMENT INVOLVING DECENTRALIZED DECISION-MAKING AS A REPLACEMENT FOR HIGHLY CENTRALIZED SYSTEMS.)

B. IMPORT SAFEGUARDS

DEVELOPMENT OF SAFEGUARDS APPLICABLE BY MARKET-ECONOMY COUNTRIES TO IMPORTS FROM STATE-TRADING COUNTRIES SEEMS TO US A SUBJECT THAT MIGHT BENEFIT FROM DISCUSSION. THE FOCUS SHOULD NOT BE ON QRS OR OTHER EX ANTE RESTRICTIONS BUT ON EX POST APPROACHES. THE EXPERTS MIGHT DISCUSS THE COMPLICATIONS OF TRYING TO APPLY ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF CONCEPTUAL AND PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING THE REQUISITE PRICING INFORMATION, AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT MARKET DISRUPTION MEASURES, WITH THEIR FLEXIBILITY, MORE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION, AND EMPHASIS ON BILATERAL CONSULTATION MIGHT BE PREFERABLE. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A DESCRIPTION BY EES THAT MAINTAIN THEY HAVE INTRODUCED COMPETITION BETWEEN DOMESTIC PRODUCERS AND IMPORTERS OF THE INSTRUMENTS THEY USE TO DEAL WITH INJURIOUS IMPORTS.

C. WE NOTE (E/ECE 900) THAT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT TO 31ST SESSION WILL PROPOSE STUDY OF POSSIBLE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM OF NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN TRADE. PERHAPS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BY SECRETARIAT AND EXPERTS MIGHT BE USEFUL IN DRAWING UP SUCH A STUDY.

2. REPORT ON TRADE COMMITTEE'S 24TH SESSION (ECE/TRADE/123), PARA. 45, NOTES SUGGESTION THAT CONCLUSIONS OF THREE MARKETING SEMINARS BE CONSIDERED AT EXPERTS MEETING. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION. INGERSOLL

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